

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Texas may soon be adding a new name to its roster of
2 homegrown musical superstars as Gerardo Lopez of Eagle Pass
3 continues to impress audiences with his exceptional talent; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Lopez was one of 20 gifted musicians selected
5 among thousands of contestants from across the nation to
6 participate in the program, "Nuevas Voces de America," or "New
7 Voices of America"; created by Grammy Award-winning producer Emilio
8 Estefan for Telemundo, the reality-based program debuted on
9 February 13, 2005, and continues until May 22, when the winner will
10 be chosen and awarded a cash prize and a recording contract; and

11 WHEREAS, The objective of the show is to discover the next
12 Latino pop star through a selection process in which viewers vote
13 and contestants undergo intensive vocal training and physical
14 makeovers; with the U.S. Spanish-language television network
15 reaching more than 90 percent of Hispanic viewers in America, the
16 program promotes and showcases young Latino talent at its best and
17 increases their profile throughout the country; and

18 WHEREAS, A native of Eagle Pass, Mr. Lopez was born on March
19 1, 1982, to Gerardo Arturo and Alma A. Lopez; in 1999, he graduated
20 from Eagle Pass High School-C.C. Winn Campus, where he was a drum
21 major, a member of the jazz band, and a vocalist for the mariachi
22 school band, Aguilas de Oro; the 23-year-old recently graduated
23 from Baylor University with a degree in art design; and

24 WHEREAS, In addition to his impressive showing for the

1 Telemundo program, Mr. Lopez has garnered a number of previous
2 honors, including first place as male vocalist at the 1999 Texas A&M
3 International University Fiesta de Mariachi competition in Laredo
4 and first place at a 2001 mariachi competition sponsored by
5 Lincoln/Ford and Mariachi Vargas in San Antonio; and

6 WHEREAS, Gerardo Lopez has brought great pride to his family
7 and community, and it is a tribute to his talent and dedication that
8 he has achieved wide recognition in the highly competitive
9 entertainment industry at such a young age; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Gerardo Lopez on his selection as a
12 contestant on the "Nuevas Voces de America" television program and
13 extend to him sincere best wishes for success in his promising
14 musical career; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for Mr. Lopez as an expression of high regard by the Texas
17 House of Representatives.

King of Zavala

H.R. No. 1234

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1234 was adopted by the House on April 29, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House